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For: Merchandise Planning and Development System  
and Method for the Same, and a Computer Product

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

✓ In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-57, for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

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